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Happy Birthday!

Florence Atchison, a resident of the Romulus Towers and the mother of Mayor Beverly McAnally, celebrated her 88th birthday on June 19. A very spry young lady, she was born around the turn of the century and probably expects to be around for another century or so! □

Storm Blows Transformers

Kelsey-Hayes was evacuated on Wednesday, June 22, when a bad electrical storm knocked out a transformer at its Romulus location. Evidently, a toxic waste was leaking from the transformer, so the plant had to close down for a short period of time.

According to Bruce Voelker, Kelsey-Hayes spokesperson, "We have contacted the EPA and DNR, but it seems everything is contained in the curbing of the transformers. We should only have the day shift off today," Voelker concluded.

Since the highest temperature on Thursday only reached the low 80s, as opposed to the 98° high on the day of the storm, it is likely that many employees were happy to get a day off. □

Hole-in-One

Mike Sullivan of Romulus had his first hole-in-one on Saturday, June 18, while on a Father's Day outing with friends at Valley View Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant. He got his hole-in-one on the 125-yard 11th hole using an 8-iron. Mike ended up with a score of 100 for the round. His feat was witnessed by the other members of his foursome — Russ Crawford, Walt Downey, and Tony Machuta. □

Happy Fourth of July!

Our First Anniversary!

by D. A. Atkins

It has been a great first year in the City Newspaper Business — I think! We at "the little paper" have met many great and wonderful people in the past year. (There have been a few jerks along the way, too, but things have been pretty good, all in all.) Publishing this

paper, however, has been much different than putting out the other paper that we did for nine years, *Country in the City*, which dealt only with Country Music and was read by people around the world — even in Communist Poland. So now we have a publication called

The Romulus News that deals only with news about the City of Romulus and its citizens, and is being read all around Romulus. I love it!

Many people have been asking me when we are going to start charging for our paper, and when we are going

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THE EDITOR'S OPINION



In My Opinion

by D. A. Atkins

It was the hottest day of the year — and it was also Clean-Up/Fix-Up Day for Downtown Romulus. Can you guess who showed up to do all the work? Kids! Why is it that, when you want something done, adults are the ones who are supposed to do it, but the kids are the people who actually get it done?

A gallant effort was put forth by the kids from St. Aloysius in that 104° heat on Saturday, June 25. The cheerleaders from that school, with the help of Tony Kopas, owner of Romulus Hardware, worked along Goddard from Wayne Road to Five Points, picking up trash, limbs, and more in an effort to clean up the Downtown Area.

Mothers were helping, too; and

someone, I believe it was Tom Hopson, bought soda pop for the kids, and they worked and worked and worked. By the time they worked themselves to Five Points, it was unbearably hot.

Kids. Kids are blamed for everything from soup to nuts and, usually, not much of it is very good. But when you have kids like those from St. Aloysius, who were not afraid to work hard in extreme heat, you have kids to be very proud of.

However, being proud of certain adults is a whole other ball game compared with being proud of these kids.

Tony Kopas did himself proud, as did Treasurer Jim Napiorkowski; Dennis Oakes and his assistant, Jeff Martell, who is in charge of housing and rehabilitation; a young manager and employee from the Romulus IGA; Mike from Goddard Market; Tom Shamanski, from Romulus Flowers by Tom; and folks from Hill's Dentistry and Piper Engineering, all of whom cleaned their own areas thoroughly. (Napiorkowski and Martell helped Kopas with the kids.)

There was only one major problem with the whole thing — the people who were supposed to be the most involved in this project were not, with only one exception. Tony Kopas was the only member of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) who participated in the event, even though it was the DDA's idea to clean up the area on June 25 in the first place. The Mayor showed up to cheer everyone on and DPW workers were there to help out (although they were paid time-and-a-half to do so) but, except for the above-mentioned few, most of the businessmen in the area did nothing.

Dave from Dave's Barbershop was busy cutting hair, but he has done so much to improve the looks of his building and the grounds surrounding it that it doesn't even look like the same place. In fact, it looks like a brand-new building from the 1850s or 60s, and it is super. He has done his part.

Bill Crane also has done a good deal of renovation on his property, and is constantly keeping it well groomed. He is a member of the DDA; however, he was out of town on that day.

Where were the rest of the members? Why, if they wanted the Downtown Area cleaned up, were they not there? Why did they do nothing to promote it?

The Mayor has tried almost everyone that is qualified by State law to be on the DDA; few to none have done their job effectively. No, DDA members do not get paid for their efforts. They are business people who are supposed to be interested in the welfare of the entire Downtown Area — not just their own.

But, let their businesses start failing and whom do they blame? They fault the Mayor, the City Council, the County, the State, the Federal Government; they blame everyone, in short, except the

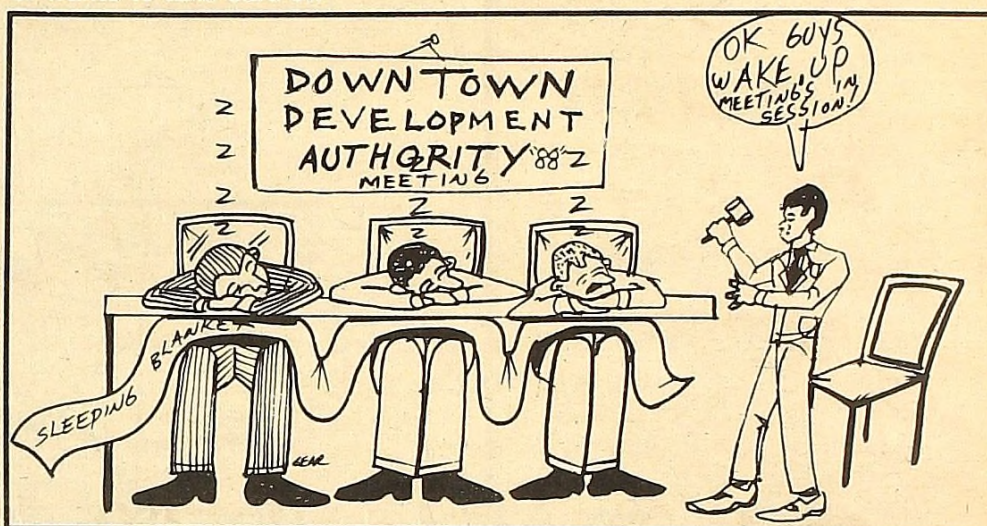
people who should be blamed — themselves. The purpose of the DDA is to keep the town rejuvenated, dreaming up and implementing new ideas that will make Romulus a better city. Those ideas could create more jobs and more places for people to shop, and could, in general, make the Downtown Area a place that everyone can be proud of.

In the last 35 years, what effects have been seen from these committees' efforts to accomplish such goals? We have a Downtown Area with less business than it had 35 years ago, a city with 18 parking spaces that are not owned by private businessmen, and a bunch of flower pots that no one likes or wants to take care of.

A new DDA committee might seem to be the way to go if the present members don't want to do anything. On the other hand, the Mayor, guided by State regulations, has used just about all of her resources and does not have many other people that she can contact who might be interested in getting something done for the Downtown Area.

Downtown has deteriorated so much, in many areas, in the last 35 years that, without the proper support, neither McAnally nor anyone else will be able to get it straightened out in three lifetimes — unless the businessmen in this town wake up. For some

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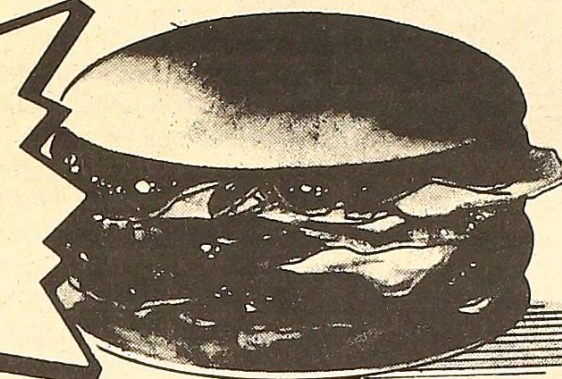
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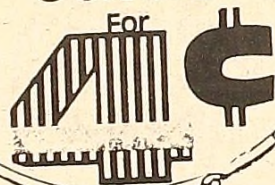


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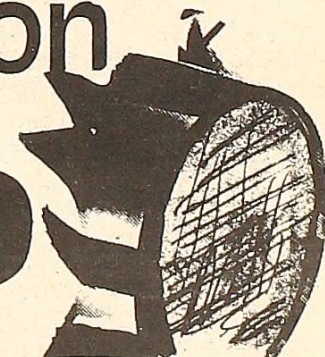


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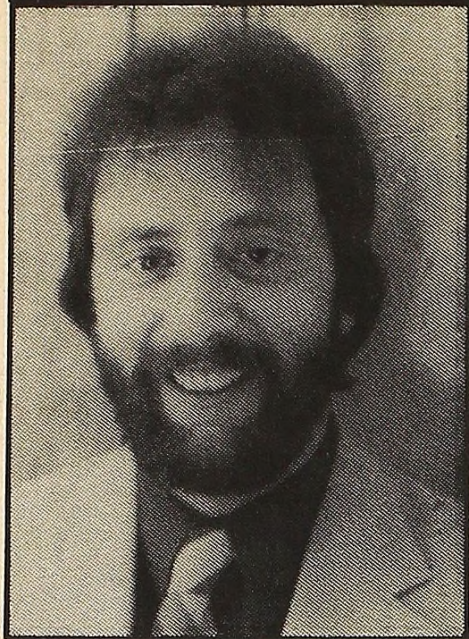
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by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

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A. A Defendant must serve and file an answer to a suit within 21 days after service of the summons and a copy of the Complaint on him or her. If service is made outside the state or if service is accomplished by certified mail, the Defendant has 28 days to Answer.

In an ordinary suit, no judgment will be rendered until after there has been a full hearing in court. However, if the Defendant does not answer the Complaint, a Default Judgment may be entered against him or her without any hearing. Where properly entered, a Default Judgment is just as binding upon the parties as a judgment entered after a hearing.

If a Defendant wishes to remove a Default Judgment and proceed to court for the purposes of having a hearing, the Defendant must file a motion to Set Aside Default Judgment. As a general rule, the Defendant has 21 days after the Default Judgment has been entered to file his or her motion. Assuming a timely motion has been filed, the Defendant must satisfy three conditions: 1) the Defendant must show good cause to support the granting of the motion; 2) the Defendant must show that he has a defense to the Complaint; and 3) the Defendant must sign an affidavit stating his defense.

Upon filing the motion, the judge will decide whether or not to set aside the Default Judgment.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Europe Bound

Eastern Michigan University and Mid-American Conference wrestling champion Joel Smith of Romulus is headed for Europe to compete with Athletes in Action against teams from Czechoslovakia, West Germany, and Poland from July 17 through August 15.

Joel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Smith, the youngest of 11 children (three boys and eight girls). Joel wrestled for Romulus until senior high school, when he transferred to a Christian school where his oldest brother Vergil coached wrestling and baseball.

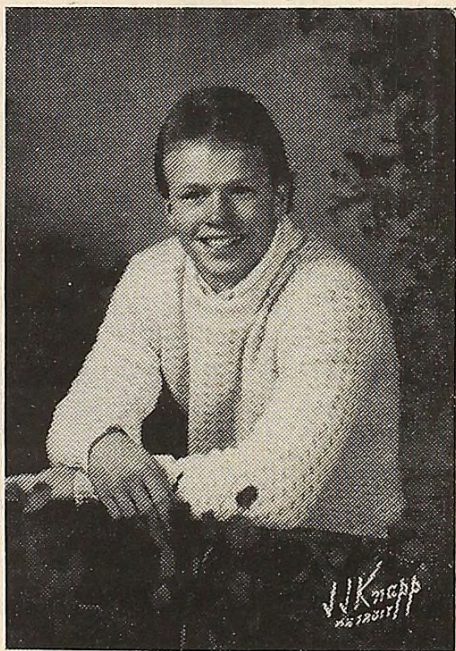
Joel, a three-time State wrestling champion, held a high-school record of 131 wins and three losses. He also played baseball and made the All-State teams in 1983 and 1984. Joel is now considered one of the top 12 in the nation, and has one more year of wrestling for Eastern Michigan University. He is also looking forward to competing in the 1992 Olympics.

Joel follows the success of his older brothers Vergil and Bradley, who also excelled in sports. Both received scholarships from the University of Toledo — Vergil for baseball and Bradley for wrestling.

Athletes in Action is a non-profit Christian outreach organization out of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The cost of the trip is \$3,500, and each athlete is expected to raise his own support money. Anyone desiring to sponsor Joel should make checks payable to Athletes in Action in care of Joel Smith at 36627 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174. All donations will be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

His trip to Europe next month should be a great experience.

Good luck, Joel! □



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Kosteva Seeks Reelection

James A. Kosteva (D-Canton), State Representative, recently announced that he is seeking reelection to his 37th-District seat.

"I have worked to keep the concerns of our communities in the forefront of new State policies and programs," said Kosteva. "I hope to be able to continue this progress in my third term in the House."

Kosteva, who was named 'Person of the Year' for 1987 by the Associated Newspapers, is Majority Vice-chair of the House Taxation Committee. He is also a member of the House committees on Education; Conservation and Environment; Towns and Counties; and Transportation.

"I would like to focus my attention on finding means to protect our state's natural resources, via recycling and developing alternatives to landfills. Also, exploring affordable, accessible health-care options for all citizens is a priority," Kosteva said. "In addition, I will continue to participate in ongoing efforts to change the way we finance our schools in Michigan."

Kosteva has directed more than \$1 million in grants to the 37th District, including \$550,000 for the French Landing Dam in Van Buren Township. He also sponsored the legislation that created the Michigan Education Trust college tuition guarantee program.

A former township planner, Kosteva lives in Canton with his wife, Laura, and their twins, Jessica and Adam. □

Doomsday for Seniors?

by D. A. Atkins

It seems that not many people are interested in our senior-citizen population. With the average age of Americans increasing yearly, there are more senior citizens than ever — and they are getting less and less attention all the time. The Reagan Administration has done more to do less for seniors than probably any other in our history.

Mayor McAnally and Representative Kosteva recently held a meeting at City Hall to help seniors find a way, if possible, to correct a bad situation. It seems that approximately 60% of all government-subsidized housing will come to an end within the next five to

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by Tom Shamanski

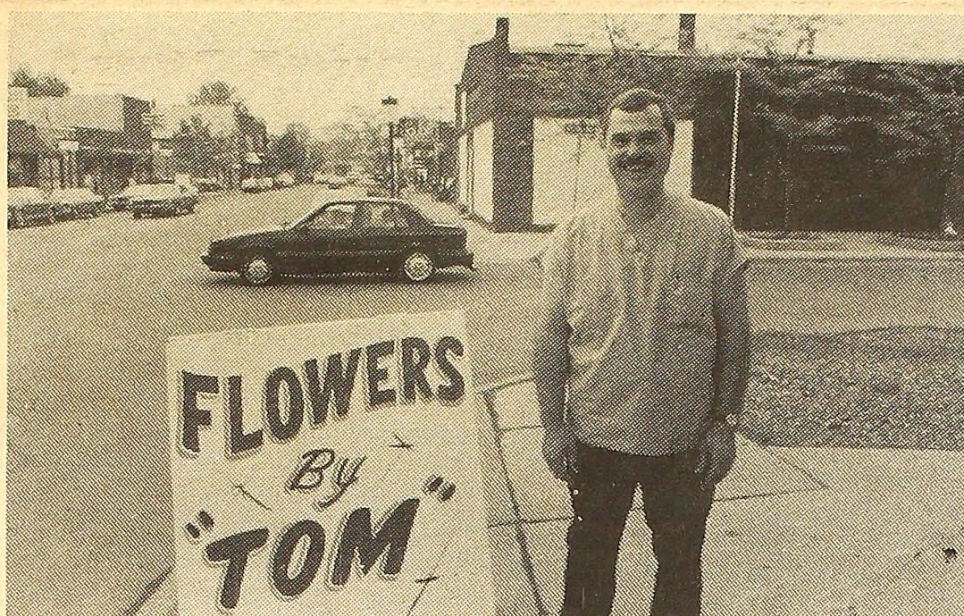
The 'Self-Serve' concept that has swept our country like a mindless tidal wave is slowly driving me crazy. It's probably because I have more than my share of 'lazy bones' in my body. Whatever the reason, I do find myself longing for the days of service-station attendants, department-store clerks, and, yes, even elevator operators. (Remember Hudson's Downtown?)

The danger of 'self-serve' is particularly evident at your corner gas station. (Don't even think of calling them 'service stations' again!) When that station has the lowest price in town, look out!

The pumps are usually full and, on the perimeter of the islands, five or six cars are lazily cruising around. The drivers pretend not to notice one another, but the reality is that they are in fierce competition, jockeying for the first available pump. In case of a tie, this can become nasty, and has, at times, been more damaging than a Demolition Derby! Perhaps it's too late to reintroduce station attendants, but a few police officers to direct pump traffic would be helpful.

Another frustrating difficulty, at least for me, is the 'pay-first' rule most stations employ. A lot of mileage is put on my vehicle, so when I gas up, I want to fill the tank, if possible. So... do I guess and give the cashier (that smiling person behind the protective glass) ten dollars? Eleven? Twelve? Or do I throw down a twenty and thereby guarantee myself a second trip to cashier-land? I hate the second trip because many times it takes longer to progress to the front of the line than to buy a new car with a full tank of gas!

I've noticed a few of the 'self-serve' stations do provide dirty water and a rod-like device with a sponge and squeegee on one end. This is called 'self-serve-window-cleaning.' Very considerate, except this service can easily put you in a no-win situation. Try clean-



ing your windows while another driver is impatiently waiting for your pump space. He or she may be smiling on the outside, but their eyes show desire to shoot you on the spot, have your car towed away, and declare loudly to the world, "No one makes Sandy Saddlehorn wait to pump gas!" So... do you clean your windows and suffer guilt and anxiety; or do you forego the windows, pull away, and feel like the Cowardly Lion the rest of the day (with dirty windows, yet!)? See... no-win!

'Self-serve' can also damage your psyche in large department-like stores. They're all pretty much the same; but, for some unfathomable reason, Kmart seems to have perfected methods to drive customers mad.

I'm sure you've either experienced or observed the following scenario. Let's say you're in the shoe department and need help. You spot a Kmart employee and explain your problem. Your request suddenly triggers an automatic response and the employee immediately stares blankly into space. Then, in a voice that blends beautifully with the overhead elevator music, the employee states, "Sorry, this is not my department. However, I'll get someone to assist you. Thank you for shopping at Kmart." The employee disappears.

Ten minutes later you hear on the overhead, "Customer assistance to the

shoe department, please." Well, OK; 10 minutes was a bit of a wait, but now you'll get help, right? Of course not! Another 10 minutes passes. By this time, you've inspected every shoe, boot, and slipper Kmart has for sale. You have a tingling sensation in your toes. You fear they are beginning to root! Enough, already!

Under a full head of steam, you bolt toward the store manager's office. The office is practically hidden in the rear of the store, behind piles of unloaded merchandise (also, rather conveniently next to an emergency exit). As you bound into the office, a security officer informs you the manager is out at the moment, but will return in 10 minutes. Stunned, you take a couple of deep breaths, regain your composure, and do the sensible thing — walk out in total defeat!

Conversely, 'self-serve' is not always bad. Imagine the chaos if it were necessary for a store employee to gather all our goodies at a weekly supermarket outing. Likewise, 'self-serve' is nice at a bookstore when you want to browse awhile. Or any hardware store where it's pure fun to wander the aisles and try to guess possible uses for all those funny-looking devices.

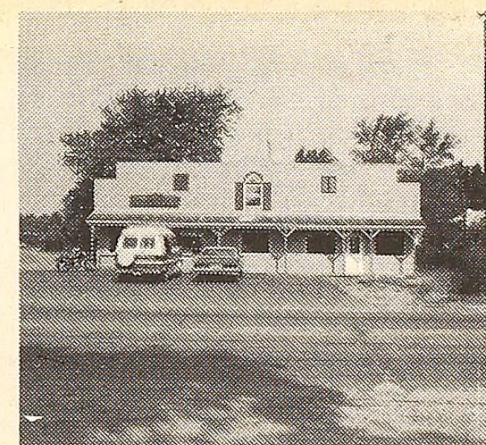
In the same vein as 'self-serve,' I'm getting pretty tired of all the drive-up

window services. We seem to be evolving into a nation of 'self-serving-vehicle-dwellers.' You can get almost anything now and never leave your car — prepared food (McDonald's, Wendy's, etc.), gallons of milk, loaves of bread, liters of pop, boxes of Twinkies and King-Dons, to name a few items. And, of course, you can do your banking at a drive-up window (although the lines inside are almost always shorter). I've even read of drive-up church services and, no kidding, drive-up funeral windows. There, the vehicle's occupants can view and pay their last respects to the deceased without even turning down the radio!

During my next vacation, I'm going to experiment. I'll rent a luxurious, super-deluxe van (including bath, of course), and attempt to live for two weeks totally within the van. I'm sure it can be done. The only potential problem would be development of a serious illness. I'd then have to abandon the van and struggle into the nearest hospital. After relating my symptoms to a nurse, 10 minutes later I'd probably hear on the overhead, "Patient assistance to the terminally ill department, please." Wouldn't you know it? □

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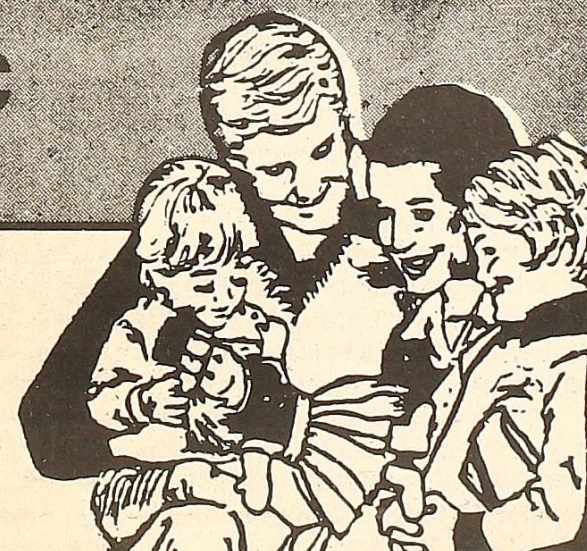
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There's a growing concern about lead in our environment. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department recognizes the importance of their customers' awareness on this public health issue.

"Part of the purpose of this notice is to inform you of the potential adverse health effects of lead. This is being done even though your water may not be in violation of the current standard."

The Problem with Lead

Lead is a soft toxic metal known to be harmful to human health if inhaled or ingested. Lead accumulates in the body and its potential for harm depends upon the amount of exposure. Low levels of lead exposure can cause subtle biochemical changes.

"EPA and others are concerned about lead in drinking water. Too much lead in the human body can cause serious damage to the brain, kidneys, nervous system, and red blood cells. The greatest risk, even with short-term exposure, is to young children and pregnant women."

There are three potential sources for lead to accumulate in the body: food consumption, airborne pollutants, and the third potential source is from your drinking water.

"The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that lead is a health concern at certain levels of exposure. There is currently a standard of 0.050 parts per million (ppm). Based on new health information, EPA is likely to lower this standard significantly."

The water provided by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is lead free. DWSD's lead level is within the EPA's requirements and will remain in compliance even after the new rules are instituted.

You Should Know

Although the water the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) provides has no presence of lead — the opportunity for lead to leach into your water supply is still possible.

Typically, lead gets into your water after leaving the water treatment plant. The most likely source of lead contamination is the home or residence plumbing system.

The most common cause is corrosion (a reaction between the water and the lead pipes or solder).

"Lead levels in your drinking water are likely to be highest:

- If your home or water system has lead pipes, or
- If your home has copper pipes soldered with lead, and

- If the home is less than five years old, or
- If you have soft water, or
- If the water sits in the pipes for several hours without use."

In the Home

Up to the 1900s it was common practice, in some areas of the United States, to use lead pipes for interior plumbing. Galvanized and then copper pipes replaced lead pipes, however lead solder was used to join these copper pipes.

You can tell if lead pipes are in your home by scratching the pipe with a house key or screwdriver. Lead is a dull grey metal. Lead is soft enough to be easily scratched and will become shiny when scratched. You should be particularly cautious if you see signs of corrosion (frequent leaks, rust colored water, stained dishes or laundry).

To Minimize Exposure

You can minimize exposure to this potential problem for you and your family if you:

- Flush each cold water faucet by allowing the water to run until the water is as cold as it will get. Do this whenever water has been sitting in pipes for more than a few hours (such as overnight). This usually takes about two minutes. Flushing is important because the water that comes out after flushing has not been in extended contact with lead pipes or lead solder that may be in your household. (Flushing water may be used for non-consumption purposes such as washing dishes, clothes or other household tasks; it need not be wasted.)
- Never cook or consume water from the hot water faucet. Hot tap water can contain higher levels of lead because lead dissolves more easily in hot water. It is especially important to avoid using hot water from the faucet when preparing baby formula. If you need hot water for consumption or cooking, draw water from the cold tap and heat it on the stove or in the microwave. Use only thoroughly flushed water from the cold tap for any consumption.
- It is now a federal law that all material used for repairs or newly installed plumbing be lead-free. Make sure you check with your plumber before any work is done.

The water provided by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is in compliance with current and proposed future U.S. EPA lead level limitations for safe drinking water.

It is our concern that our customers are not misled by commercial groups offering expensive services to solve a possible problem which can be handled by common sense. DWSD wants its customers to know the facts.

For additional information, contact your local water utility, or the U.S. EPA. The U.S. EPA has a toll-free hotline dedicated to this subject — 1-800-426-4791 — and they have also prepared a booklet on this issue.

This information has been approved by the U.S. EPA and meets EPA's lead public notice requirements. □

News From The Rec Center

Fourth-of-July Celebration

The City of Romulus' Fourth-of-July festivities will take place on Monday, July 4. A parade, sponsored by the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), will leave City Hall at 12 p.m. Entry forms can be picked up at the Recreation Building. The all-day community picnic will begin after the parade, with some children's games beginning at 3 p.m. (More festivities are in the planning stages.) The fireworks will begin at dark. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Volleyball Court

The Romulus Recreation Department has announced that it now has a beach volleyball court at Elmer Johnson Park. The court is located by the pavilion, and is open to anyone as long as the pavilion area is not reserved. A volleyball net and ball can be signed out for 24 hours at no cost. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Tennis Program

Beginners' Tennis Lessons will be offered from July 1 to September 3 (eight weeks; includes season-ending tourney) at the Elmer Johnson tennis courts and/or Romulus North Junior

High School (based upon the number of students). The two-hour lessons (minimum four students per lesson) can be taken on Tuesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays, and are scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. for youths, and from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults. The cost is \$32 (\$2-per-lesson average). For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Summer Playground Program/Special Trips

This summer, seven sites will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for all youths, ages five to 15. These sites will be Cory, Hayti, Mt. Pleasant, Merriman, Halecreek, the Romulus Civic Center on Wahrman, and the Coleman Center on Beverly. This six-week program began Monday, June 27, and will run through Thursday, August 4. Activities include movies, arts & crafts, individual games, group games, a trip each week to Willow to enjoy a day of swimming (\$1.50 per person includes transportation), physical fitness meets, plus much more. Permission slips, which can be obtained at the Recreation Department, should be filled out and returned the first day of attendance at the program. This permission slip is good only for the Monday through Thursday program, and does not include the special Friday trips listed below. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Special One-Day Trips

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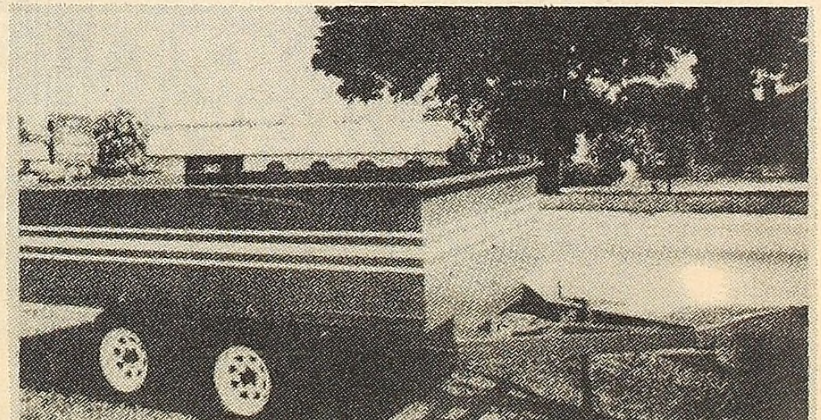
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SCHOOL SPORTS 'N' NEWS

Varsity Softball

The 1988 Varsity Softball season came to a close with a District Tournament defeat by a very powerful Monroe High School team. The final record for these girls was 19 wins and 11 losses, and, considering all of the intangibles that affected this season, it was very successful.

Coach Bill Cuhran said, "This may have been one of the best years I have had coaching, because in February Don Kobane and myself were really concerned about winning just a few games if possible, especially in our league. Five starters from last year's team didn't even come out this year, and our M.V.P. from last year missed half of the season with a knee injury. These girls really came through this year, and the awards and victories compiled by these young ladies are greatly deserved."

Five of the Varsity Softball girls were named to the South Central Conference All-League team. They were: senior Kim Lyles, catcher (M.V.P., .521 batting average); senior Liz Ward, pitcher (9-5 record); junior Laurie Berlinn, first baseman (.354 batting average); freshman Jennifer Daniel, pitcher/shortstop (9-4 record, .402 batting average); and freshman Michele Scarrow, third baseman (.998 fielding average, .469 batting average).

Also, for the first time, Romulus placed four girls on the All-Region team; they were Laurie Berlinn, Jennifer Daniel, Kim Lyles, and Michele Scarrow.

"You can see from the awards these girls received what a fine effort they gave this year," said Coach Cuhran. He added, "Kim Lyles, Liz Ward, and Lisa McClure are going to be missed as starters next year, no doubt. Kim moved to a new position this year after Lisa was injured, and that change, plus the outstanding pitching of Liz, is probably what made the difference this year. If you don't have pitching and catching, you're in big trouble in this sport, and Kim behind the plate and Liz on the mound with freshman Jennifer Daniel really helped us this season."

"Next year, we have to try to replace Kim behind the plate and Liz's ability to throw strikes. Our three All-League/All-Region selections will give us a fine nucleus to build around. Jennifer will probably be our ace but we then lose a fine shortstop, and there is no way she can throw more than half of the games, so we hope that Kim Picciano, Renee Bitner, or Becky Szente will develop over the winter to help our pitching situation."

"Defense will be our task to rebuild this next season. Our catcher may be

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Michele Scarrow, but she is also the All-League third baseman, so a surprise catcher from our program would really help. Kim Picciano is a possible there, also.

"Jennifer, Michele, and Laurie combined for 121 hits this season and, with the help of sophomore Shannon DuDonis, junior Amy McDonald, freshman Angie Slawinski, and a group of fine talent coming off of an 11-8 J.V. team this year, we should be in good shape on offense next season."

Cuhran concluded, "We have the talent in our program to continue a gradual improvement if the girls work on their skills out of season. We have solid senior leadership next year, with some excellent freshmen and sophomores returning. I'm excited about our future, and I truly believe that this fine group of young ladies will improve on their second-place finish in the League next year, and only get better in the years to come." □

Varsity Baseball

The 1988 Varsity Baseball season ended with the Eagles losing their Pre-District game to Milford, 15-2. Joining the South Central Conference really took it out of the Eagles this year as they sunk to the basement in the standings during their first year as a member, suffering through their worst season under Coach Dennis Stoh.

The season did have some bright highlights, though, as the team came in second in the Annapolis Tournament and won all four of its games in a one-week stretch. The Eagles defeated the teams of Robichaud, Fordson, New Boston, and a tough Ann Arbor Huron during their best week of the season.

Honors for the Eagles were won by several team members. Despite a poor record, Brad Boyd, Steve Hoinka, and Shawn Shelby made the first-team All-League team. The M.V.P. for Romulus this season was Brad Boyd, who hit .337 for the season and had a good defensive year at first base. Lenny Barr won the Coaches' Award for his great attitude and leadership skills as a third-year Varsity player, and the Rookie-of-the-Year honors went to Kenny Blevins, who hit .283 overall as the designated

hitter for the Eagles, with an impressive three home runs and a .303 batting average against the tough League teams. There should be two more outstanding years left for Blevins, who is following in his brother's footsteps. (David has made the All-League team at Morehead State University.)

Other awards went to Rich Beach (Hustle Award and Infield Gold Glove Award), Keith Brothers (Pitching Award), Steven Hoinka (Hitting Award), Eddie King (Unsung Hero Award), Chris Labiak (Outfield Gold Glove Award), and Shawn Shelby (Most Improved Player Award).

Congratulations to all on their fine efforts. □

Junior Varsity Baseball

The J.V. Baseball team finished the season as it began it — with a victory. The young Eagles handed the League Champions their only League loss, 4-1, in the second game of a doubleheader to finish the season with an overall 11-8 record (4-6 in the League).

The team was made up of six freshmen and nine sophomores, with only four returning from last year's team (Captain Thom Patterson, Captain Mark Hoinka, Matt McIntosh, and Da'Mon Davis). All players on the team made big contributions at one time or another throughout the season, as a team effort prevailed.

Leading the team in many hitting categories was Eddie Tank, who hit .559 and had four home runs, 38 runs-batted-in, 38 hits, 15 stolen bases, and scored 21 runs. Close behind him were Davis, who hit .415 and had 17 hits; Patterson, who hit .362, scored 20 runs, and had 17 hits, one home run, eight stolen bases, and 16 walks; Hoinka, who hit .304, scored 16 runs, and had 14 hits and 10 runs-batted-in; McIntosh, who scored 14 runs and had eight stolen bases and 14 walks; and Mike Tackett, who hit .317 and had 10 runs-batted-in and 13 hits.

Other freshman contributors were Rich Evans, who hit .324, scored 12 runs, and had 12 hits; Mike Bergeron, who hit .313 and had seven runs-batted-in; Tony Pezzullo, who hit .364; Dan Freeman, who hit a grand-slam home run and had six runs-batted-in; and Scott Ladach,

who had nine hits and five runs-batted-in.

Other sophomore contributors were Derek Warren, who hit .292; Chris Patterson, who hit .263 and had four runs-batted-in; Chris Jones, who had five runs-batted-in; and Marcus Galbraith, who had eight walks.

In the pitching department, Tackett was 4-2, with a 3.90 earned-run average; Tank was 4-3, with 49 strikeouts and a 3.95 earned-run average; and Davis was 3-3, with 48 strikeouts, a 3.10 earned-run average, and one save. Evans and Galbraith also saw relief performances.

Coach Don Foley and Assistant Rich Gillis were very happy with the team's effort, and look forward to next season and the future of baseball at Romulus High School. □

Girls' Track

This year's Lady Eagle Track team found out how competitive the South Central Conference was. Of the five teams in the League, the top three finished first, third, and seventh in the State, and the fourth team finished in the State's top fifteen.

However, the young Eagles, led by senior Chrissy Barker, turned in many outstanding performances. All of those who worked hard and stuck with it bettered their times throughout the course of the season. Chrissy Barker holds two school records: the high jump (at five feet) and the 300-meter hurdles (in 50 seconds). Other members who broke records were Kim Hopewell, who had a time of 2:33.5 in the 800-meter run; the 3200-meter relay team of Kim Hopewell, Dasha Ray, Lisa Roy, and Cara Cichowski, which had a time of 10:41; and the 1600-meter relay team of Giawanna Lee, Kim Hopewell, Cara Cichowski, and Yvette Mason, which had a time of 4:15.5.

Other fine performances were given by Giawanna Lee in the 200 and 400; Dasha Ray and Lisa Roy in the mile; Yvette Mason in the long jump and 400; Susan Rocha and Eugena Halimon in the 3200; Ericka Luster in the 100 and 200; and Cyndi Freitag in the long jump, high jump, and sprints. Also contributing to the team's effort were Laila Barnts, Mary Campbell, Joan Easley, Amanda Lindsay, and Mary Vasher.

These young ladies deserve a lot of credit for believing in themselves and working extremely hard. With that kind of dedication, and everyone back except Chrissy Barker, the only way to go is up. The coaches and the school are all extremely proud, and look forward with enthusiasm to next year. □

THANK YOU COACHES AND PLAYERS

Something Worth Thinking About

by Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus

How do you feel about the commands of the Bible? Do you feel that they are out of date? Irrelevant? Unimportant? Or do you see the commands and principles of the Word of God as a rule and guide for our lives? Do you see them as absolute essentials for us today?

It may be surprising, but the Bible says that our answers to the above questions reveal the true condition of our hearts. In other words, by his answers to those questions, a person reveals whether he is a true Christian or not. A true Christian is committed to obeying Christ: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:3,4)

Is obedience to Christ high on your priority list? God continues: "He that saith he abideth in him (Christ) ought himself also so to walk, even as he (Christ) walked." (1 John 2:6) The Bible is also clear that our obedience will never be perfect as long as we are on this earth, but the direction of our lives, if we are saved, will be submissiveness to God's Word and a desire to be more like Christ by obeying Him.

The first thing that you can do to be obedient to Christ is to accept Him as your Savior. Jesus said, "... He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)

Are you obedient to Christ? It's something worth thinking about. □

Obituaries

James William Parker

Romulus resident James William Parker, age 74, died on June 20, 1988.

James was the beloved husband of Esther Lee (Bradley) Parker, and the dear father of Bernie James (of Livonia), William David (of Howell), Londie Lee (of Taylor), Victor Donald (of Romulus), and Mrs. Mary M. Nociti (of California). The son of Mrs. Nora (Elem) Parker Plumley and the late William Parker, he is also survived by siblings Elmer Parker (of Kentucky), Carl Plumley (of Ypsilanti), Bernie Plumley (of Tennessee), Victor Plumley (of Colorado), Edith Glasgow (of Kentucky), and Thelma Fouts (of Arizona); 14 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

James, a retired carpenter, was a member of Carpenters Group Local #19 and the Worldwide Church of God.

Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home on June 22, with Charles Wells, Worldwide Church of God, officiating; interment was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. The arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan. □

George Eddie Long

George Eddie Long, a 61-year-old Romulus resident, died June 19, 1988, in Trenton.

James, the son of the late Mandy and John Long, was the dear father of George, Jr. (of Wayne), Charlie (of Grand Rapids), Johnny C. (of Mississippi), John (of Romulus), Emery (of Romulus), and Maggie Louise Machen (of Wayne), and the special friend of Joyce Sales. He is also survived by his brother, Charles; sisters Mrs. Maggie Louise Basking, Mrs. Sue Walker, and Mrs. Alfred (Beatrice) Roberts; 15 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

James was employed by General Motors and was a member of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local #1776.

Funeral services were held June 24 at Brown Funeral Home, Grand Rapids, with Morris Jones officiating; interment was at Garfield Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids. The arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan. □

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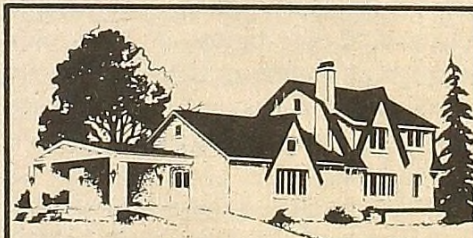
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— CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH —

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

— CHURCH OF CHRIST —

9426 S. Wayne Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / Office: (313) 941-1105
Daily Bible Message (313) 941-1004
Evangelist Joe Hickman - (313) 941-6659

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Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor

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Sunday Children's Church - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

— MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST —

6566 S. Wayne Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174
Rev. E. Martin, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

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30251 Elm Street / (1 Block off Eureka) / Romulus, Michigan 48174
Rev. Herbert C. Copeland, Pastor

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Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Romulus, Michigan 48174

REC CENTER

junior- and senior-high trips are for those participants 12 years of age and older.

Friday, July 1. This trip to the wave pool, Lake Erie, is for elementary-age students only. The price of \$4.50 per person includes a lunch, adult supervision, transportation, and entrance into the wave pool. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 5 p.m.

Friday, July 1. This rollerskating trip to Westland's Skateland is for junior- and senior-high students only. The price of \$3.50 per person includes skate rental, entrance, adult supervision, transportation, and lunch. (Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. at the Recreation Building.) The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 12:30 p.m., and return at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 8. This rollerskating trip to Westland's Skateland is for elementary-age students only. The price of \$3.50 per person includes skate rental, entrance, adult supervision, transportation, and lunch. (Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. at the Recreation Building.) The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 12:30 p.m., and return at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 8. This trip to the wave pool, Lake Erie, is for junior- and senior-high students only. The price of \$4.50 per person includes a lunch, adult supervision, transportation, and entrance into the wave pool. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m.

Friday, July 15. This trip to Taylor's

Lang Water Park is for elementary-age students only. The price of \$7.50 per person includes transportation, entrance for an all-day ticket, lunch, and adult supervision. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 11:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 4 p.m.

Friday, July 15. This trip to Four Bears Water Park is for junior- and senior-high students only. The price of \$8.50 per person includes a lunch, entrance, adult supervision, and transportation. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 22. This trip to Four Bears Water Park is for elementary-age students only. The price of \$8.50 per person includes a lunch, entrance, adult supervision, and transportation. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. *Participants must be at least 48" tall to go on this trip.*

Friday, July 22. This trip to Bob-Lo Island is for junior- and senior-high students only. The price of \$15 per person includes transportation, entrance into the park, a lunch, and adult supervision. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:15 a.m. and will return at approximately 10 p.m.

Friday, July 29. This trip to the wave pool, Lake Erie, is for elementary-age students only. The price of \$4.50 per person includes a lunch, adult supervision, transportation, and entrance into the wave pool. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 5 p.m.

Friday, July 29. This trip to Taylor's Lang Water Park is for junior- and senior-high students only. The price of \$7.50 per person includes transportation, entrance for an all-day ticket, lunch, and adult supervision. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 11:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 4 p.m.

Friday, August 5. This trip to the wave pool, Lake Erie, is for *all ages*. The price of \$4.50 per person includes a lunch, adult supervision, transportation, and entrance into the wave pool. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 9:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 5 p.m. □

Barth Gazette

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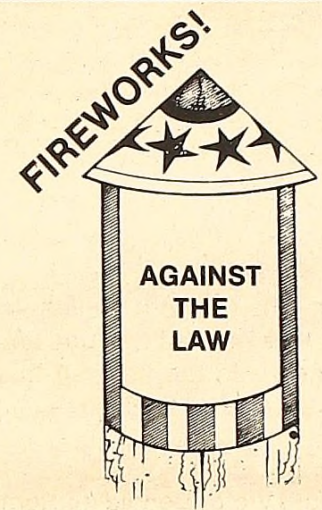
PTO Sponsors 'Adopt-A-Parent'

The Barth PTO discovered a perfect way to celebrate national Teacher's Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 3. The PTO presented each teacher with a parent volunteer for the day. In addition, Theresa Little of Little's Sign Service on Huron River Drive presented a beautiful 'Happy Teacher's Day' banner to the staff on behalf of the PTO. The parents who volunteered to work in the classrooms were Margaret Bufford, Sandie Bussard, Carol Crova, Sandie Czajkowski, Terri DeBellefeuille, Gail Frye, Carol Gilliland, Judy Gondek, Maria Lambert, Theresa Little, Bonnie Luczak, Raqual Proost, Debra Romack,

Beverly Singleton, Diane Terry, and Ann Tripp.

Honor Roll

The following students made the honor roll: Kristina Atherton, Richard Baldwin, Joseph Bard, Bryna Bosley, Dusty Brendtke, Kelly Brooks, Laura Brown, Andy Burelle, Dan Bussard, Melissa Carrico, Lyle Christian, Paul Cichowski, Amber Darnell, *Steven DeBellefeuille, *Dale Domas, Diane Domas, Scott Drysdale, *Amanda Ellis, Jamie Fontana, Donna Fussell, Alicia Hackney, Kristi Hardrick, *Gary Harris, Ryan Harris, Roy Hartford, Brian Holbrook, Landry Hooks, Konrad Jager, Tabetha Jordan, Roger Kehn, Tammy Kovisto, Joseph Lambert, Rachelle Lloyd, Nicklaus Locklear, Jaime Luczak, Brian Norman, Kimberly Randall, Casey Smith, Jessica Taylor, Amanda Thompson, Vanessa Tordy, Lisa Wands, Derek Welt, Elizabeth Welt, Amanda Wilks, and Jeff Zalma (* indicates all As). □



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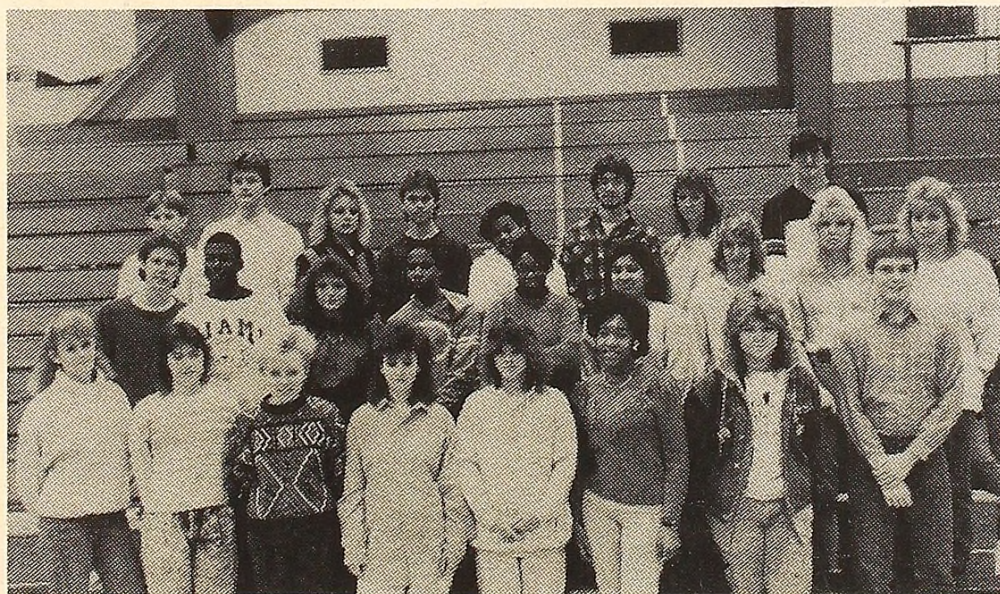
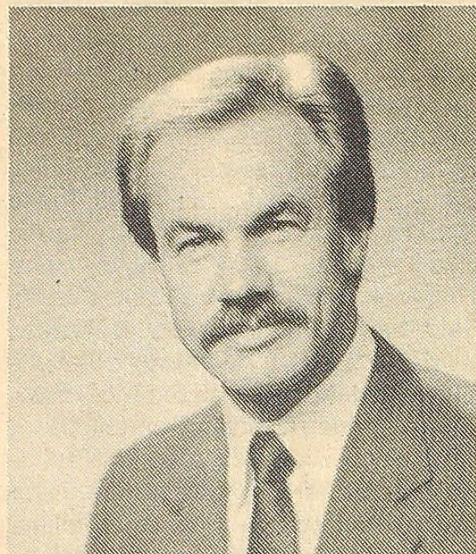


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KOSTEVA'S REPORT



James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Bill Would Create New State Child and Family Agency

Legislation that would create a new Children and Families Agency in the State government has been introduced in the House. The proposed agency would reorganize and combine functions and services of the many State agencies that help children and their families.

Law Establishes New Child Mental Health Transportation Policies

Under recently passed legislation, if a person requesting psychiatric hospital care for a minor is unable to provide transportation, police could put the child in protective custody and bring him or her to the hospital. The person requesting the admission would have to meet the child at the hospital and remain during the evaluation, which would have to be conducted by a certified child psychiatrist within 48 hours. The bill also authorizes police to return a minor in need of treatment who leaves the hospital without permission or overstays an authorized leave if the patient's parent or guardian is unable to transport the child.

House Approves Carry-Forward of Farm Tax Credits

Legislation that would restore a tax break to Michigan farmers who suffer substantial losses because of crop failure has been passed by the House. The bill would allow farmers to carry their losses over from one year to the next when they figure their taxable income. A previously allowed agricultural-loss carry-forward was eliminated when the Michigan tax code was adjusted to reflect Federal changes.

Legislature Approves Bill Requiring Degradable Six-Pack Rings

A House bill recently approved by the Legislature will require all six-ring devices that hold beverage containers together to be made of a material that will dissolve within 360 days when exposed to sunlight and other natural elements. Many Michigan fish, birds and animals have died after becoming entangled in discarded six-pack rings.

Bill Proposes Tax Trap for Drug Dealers

A new House bill would create a tax stamp for illegal controlled substances. If a drug dealer was arrested and the stamp was not on the drug containers, the criminal would face additional penalties of up to \$10,000 in fines and three years in jail. Proponents of the measure say that the tax stamp would deter illegal drug business in Michigan, take more dealers off the streets, and raise new revenues that could be used for anti-drug activities.

New Law Establishes Registry for Spinal-Cord Injuries

A new law requires the State's Department of Public Health to maintain a record of spinal-cord and traumatic-brain injuries that occur in Michigan. Proponents of the measure say that the registry will help medical and safety professionals study any patterns of these injuries, determine how they can be prevented, and discover how the victims can best be helped.

House Approves Hospital Use Bills

The House has approved a bill package that would change the 'certificate of need' (CON) program for Michigan hospitals seeking to make expensive improvements to their facilities, equipment, or services. The bills would replace the current \$150,000 CON threshold limit with a more flexible system of thresholds; streamline the CON process; and authorize 'swing-beds' in certain smaller rural hospitals, to provide skilled nursing care for recovering Medicare and Medicaid patients.

New Law Clarifies Nursery Building Tax Status

A new law resolves the tax status of 'polyhouses,' commercial nursery structures of plastic sheeting used during parts of the growing season to protect plants and other nursery stock. Questions arose as to whether polyhouses are 'real property,' subject to taxes, or 'agricultural processing equipment,' which is exempt. The Legislature voted to define the structures as agricultural processing equipment.

New Law Sets Standards for Lead in Water Pipes

A new State law requires plumbing systems that provide water for human consumption to be 'lead-free.' The requirement includes pipes and fittings, as well as solder or flux used in plumbing systems. The new law is designed to reduce harmful concentrations of lead in the State's drinking water.

South African Divestment Approved

The Legislature has approved measures that would lead to the divestiture of State of Michigan funds in South Africa. The bills would require the State to sell about \$2 billion of its holdings in companies that do business in that country, joining a growing number of nations and states that have withdrawn their funds from South Africa in protest

of its official apartheid policy of racial discrimination.

AIDS Testing of Donated Organs Voted by House

The House has approved a bill that would require donated human organs, tissues, blood, sperm, and other bodily fluids to be tested for the AIDS virus or its antibodies before the transplant or transfusion process begins. The bill is part of a package of House legislation designed to deal with the spread of AIDS in Michigan.

New State Law Outlaws Sale of Drug Paraphernalia

A new State law bans the sale and advertisement of drug paraphernalia, including cocaine spoons, pipes used to smoke marijuana, and equipment used in the illegal manufacture, blending, or delivery of controlled substances. The new law establishes the circumstances under which an object would be defined as drug paraphernalia and exempts legitimate supplies such as hypodermic syringes used by diabetics.

House Panel Approves Rental Privacy Measure

A House committee has approved measures that would protect the privacy of individuals who rent or buy video tapes, recordings or books. Under the bills, businesses that handle these materials would be prohibited from

disclosing the names or identifying information of their customers. The information could be released only if a customer had given written consent, under a court order, or for collection purposes.

House Votes Grandparents' Visitation Rights

The House has approved a pair of bills that would allow grandparents to ask for court-ordered visitation of grandchildren when: the child's parents' marriage is disrupted by separation, divorce or death; when the child has been placed in out-of-family custody; a parent has refused the grandparents visitation in retaliation for reports of abuse or neglect; and in some other defined circumstances.

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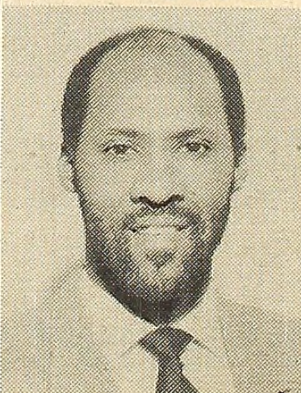
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ROMULUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT**Adult Softball Standings**
(As of June 23, 1988)

Men's Sunday Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Percentage	Games Behind
Taylor A/C	5	0	0	1.000	—
Garner's Jewelry	5	1	0	.833	½
Northwest Airlines	4	1	0	.800	1
Mobile Home Brokers	4	2	0	.667	1½
Overnite Transportation	3	3	0	.500	2½
Silver Bullet Bar	1	4	0	.200	4
Lason System	0	5	0	.000	5
Budget Rent-A-Car	0	6	0	.000	6

Women's League	Won	Lost	Ties	Percentage	Games Behind
Brendco Oil	10	1	0	.909	—
Toni's Nite Club	8	3	0	.727	2
Walter's Bar	7	4	0	.636	3
Village Ford	6	5	0	.545	4
Senate Coney Island	3	7	1	.273	6½
P.J.'s Lounge	2	7	1	.200	7
Suburban Oil	1	9	0	.100	8½

Men's Friday Blue Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Percentage	Games Behind
Chrysler Softball Club	6	0	0	1.000	—
O'Grady's Pub	5	1	0	.833	1
Double Eagle	4	2	0	.667	2
Johnston Litho/Turn-RT	4	2	0	.667	2
Mr. K's	3	3	0	.500	3
MICHIGAN comm. Cable	2	4	0	.333	4
Blazer Truck Lines	0	6	0	.000	6
Form Flow, Inc.	0	6	0	.000	6

Men's Friday Red Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Percentage	Games Behind
Ed's Hangar Lounge	6	0	0	1.000	—
Belleville Lodge	5	1	0	.833	1
M & M Market	4	2	0	.667	2
Birclar Electric	3	3	0	.500	3
Kerr Manufacturing	3	3	0	.500	3
Brew Crew	1	5	0	.167	5
Express Tool & Die	1	5	0	.167	5
Sky Chefs	1	5	0	.167	5

Men's Monday/Wednesday Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Percentage	Games Behind
Document Services	11	2	0	.846	—
Davis Autobody	10	3	0	.769	1
Poly Pro Auto Wash	9	3	1	.692	1½
Drinks Saloon	6	7	0	.462	5
Free Spirits	6	7	0	.462	5
BH Softball Club	5	8	0	.385	6
A. L. Williams	4	9	0	.308	7
Airport Maintenance	0	12	1	.000	10½

Yearbook Still Hot Issue

by D. A. Atkins

An article appeared in the June 15 issue of *The Romulus Roman* about students who are unhappy with their high-school yearbook. Apparently there were many flaws in this year's edition, and both students and parents are upset.

According to a quote in the article by Rita Derbin, ANP staff reporter, Mr. William Knight, the high-school yearbook advisor, did not proofread the yearbook when he received it; rather, he just passed it out to the students.

The students and parents want the yearbook reprinted at no additional cost and mailed directly to them. Well, that all seems logical to me. If Mr. Knight did not take the time to proofread the yearbook either before or after it was published, then the fault would seem to lie on both his shoulders, for not doing his job, and the shoulders of the printers, who did not print all of the copy that was given to them (if, in fact, it was given to them). And if the proper information was given to the printers, then they should have made sure that the copy had been proofread and approved by Knight, and that they had not misplaced any copy, before they printed the book. Yes, the students and parents have a very good argument.

One part of this same article that was brought to my attention in particular concerned a misquote of a statement made by Mr. Richard Szente at the June 13 meeting of the Romulus School Board. The article states, "The band also notified the board that they felt Knight should be removed as yearbook advisor."

Mr. Szente, who had read to the Board a letter from the band protesting its lack of recognition in the yearbook, also made several statements based on his own personal feelings. According to him, the statement con-

cerning Knight was one of these personal statements. Szente said he asked Derbin to print a retraction in the next issue of *The Romulus Roman* because he did not want his personal feelings to create a problem between students, Mr. Knight, band teacher Mr. James, and others involved in this yearbook dispute.

Said Szente, "At the last Board meeting, I read a letter of protest from the band students for lack of recognition in the yearbook. I also commented, at the end of the letter, that there was no team picture of the football team and no team picture of the basketball team. After I made these statements, I made the statement that I think Mr. Knight should resign as yearbook advisor. At no time did I say that the band made that kind of statement. It was just strictly me that made that statement on my own. It had nothing to do with the band. *The Romulus Roman* printed it up as if the band was the one that wanted Mr. Knight's resignation. I called Rita Derbin the day after the paper came out and I told her I wanted a retraction. She said a retraction would be in 'cause she made an error in writing the story, and this week's *Romulus Roman* (June 22, 1988) does not have that retraction in it."

After talking to Dr. Bedell, Romulus Schools Superintendent, I found that he feels there is a three-way fault involving Knight, the printers, and the photographer. Knight didn't proof it, the printers didn't print all of the contents that were supposed to have been included, and the photographer didn't turn in all of the photographs.

It does seem that at least one party is at fault, and that those parties should be made to pay for the reprinting of the yearbook. □

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Wilson World Is Coming

by D. A. Atkins

There is a man who is getting ready to spend about \$10 million in Romulus. He is building a new hotel that will be called Wilson World. With a name like that, you might expect it to be an amusement park of some sort, but it isn't. Instead, Wilson World is a very beautiful hotel chain that was started in Florida by a man named Kemmons Wilson.

Wilson, who is in his seventies, was, at one time, the 'head cheese' at Holiday Inn, making all the important decisions. His lifelong career of hard work, however, began long before that.

Before World War II, Wilson was a very successful builder. He interrupted his career to serve his country, flying C-47 aircraft. (That was back in the days when the word 'airplane' was

spelled 'aeroplane.') At a recent press conference at City Hall, Wilson said that he had really loved flying, especially the C-47s, until he had to pull a tour of duty in India; shortly after that, he got out of flying. Besides, according to Wilson, he figured he had used up just about all of the luck he had.

After his service tour, he went back to building, and sometime around 1952 he went to work on the Holiday Inn chain. He has been acclaimed a genius by many financial papers and magazines, and was pictured on the cover of *Time* magazine with the caption, "The man with 300,000 beds."

After many years of hard work developing the Holiday Inn chain and being involved in numerous other busi-

ness ventures, Wilson suffered a heart attack and left Holiday Inn.

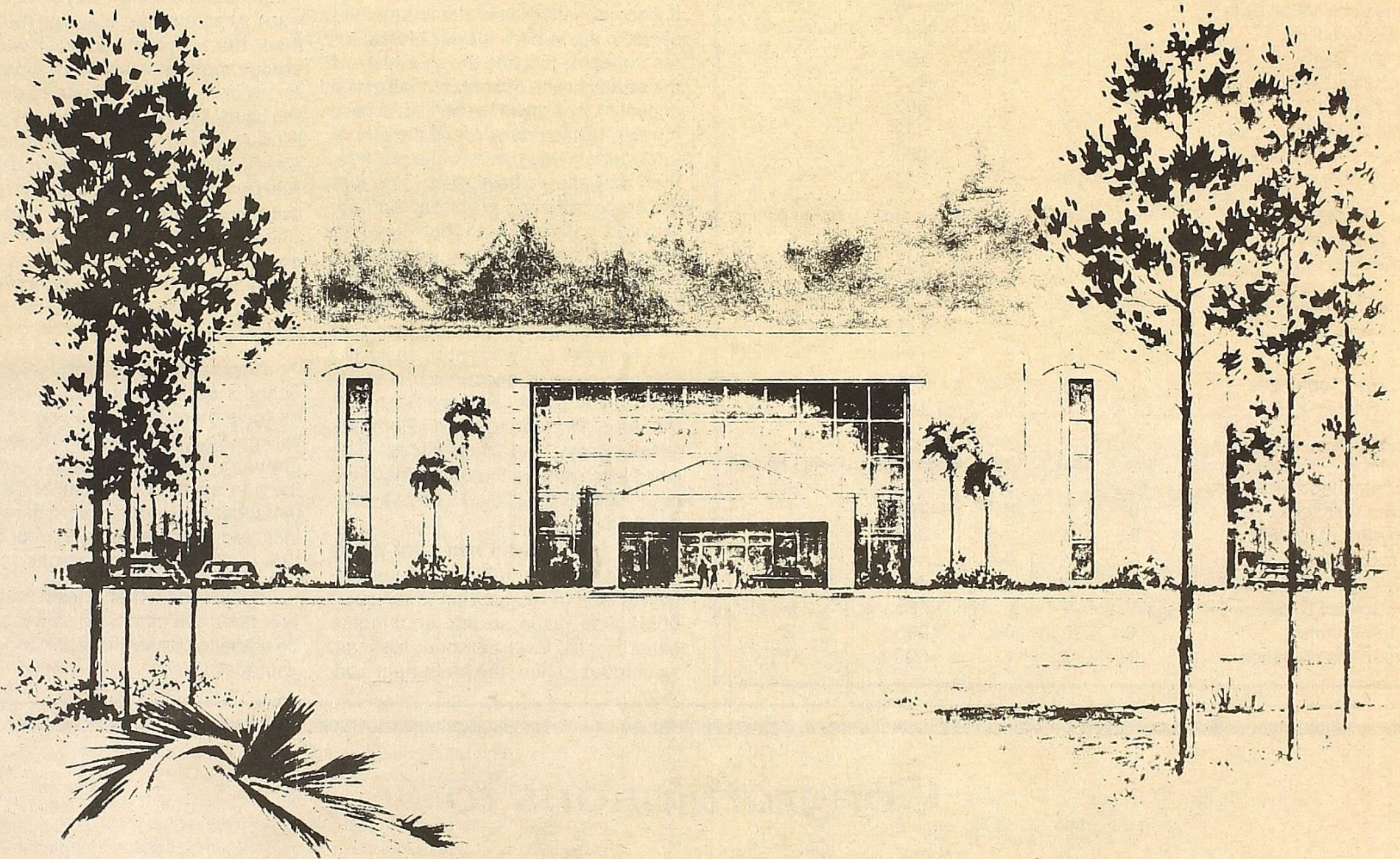
When I asked him if he intended to work out a deal to acquire Holiday Inn, or if he was interested in combining Holiday Inn with Wilson World, Wilson replied, "It is nice to be able to stand in front of my mirror and ask myself what I should do. Even better, I can answer myself and make my own decisions. It is not a good situation, working in a glass house."

Holiday Inn was Wilson's idea; the name 'Holiday Inn' came from an old Bing Crosby movie that an architect friend of Wilson's watched. Wilson World is also Wilson's idea, but that came from his own name, not a movie.

Kemmons Wilson has that great, down-home drawl that leads you to believe he is one of the easiest people in the world to get along with; in fact, he's so laid back that you probably wouldn't be surprised if he fell asleep while talking to you.

Wilson also appears to be an honest man who doesn't feel it's necessary to take huge profits; that's how he's made so much money to start with.

Kemmons Wilson is getting ready to build a really nice hotel in our town — one similar in many ways to Holiday Inn, but with much lower rates. That should be nice for everyone wanting to get away for a weekend. Construction will probably begin sometime this year. □



Obituaries

Daniel Lenossi

Daniel Lenossi, a 60-year-old resident of Romulus, died suddenly on June 27, 1988, at Annapolis Hospital.

Daniel, beloved husband of Betty M. (Riley) Lenossi and dear father of Daniel Lenossi II (of Taylor), Mrs. Walter (Deborah) Maciejewski (of Belleville), and Mrs. Leon (Dody) Janes (of Flat Rock), is also survived by brother John (of Madisonville, KY); sisters Mrs. Tony (Mary) Guiffre (of Plymouth), Mrs. Richard (Barbara) Doherty (of Charlotte, NC), and Mrs. Warren (Margie) Keehl (of Detroit); and seven grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one brother,

Peter, and one sister, Mrs. Katherine Dodson.

Daniel was employed as Bailiff at the 34th District Court in Romulus from 1978 up to the present time. He also was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, an avid fisherman, and a member of the Huron Steelheaders' Club, the Metro-West Steelheaders' Club, the Huron Sportsmen's Club, and the Belleville Moose Lodge.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 30, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, with Father Walter Lezuchowski officiating; the entombment will be at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus. □



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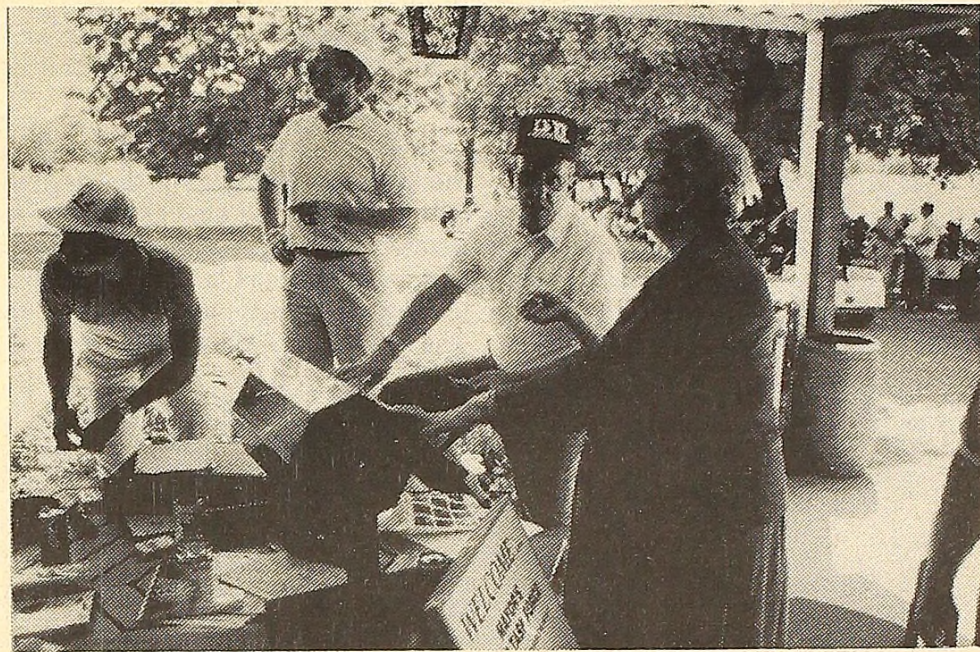
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It's not what it looks like, folks. I dragged Dr. Bedell to this table to talk; the waitress just wanted a picture!

Picnic in Cypress Park

by Randy Gear

I was really pleased to see Officer Ellis and so many others turn out this past week for the Second Annual Neighborhood Watch Picnic.

Headed by Mrs. Maxwell, along with the citizens and the Romulus Police Department, Neighborhood Watch is a workable program that was put into effect in order to combat crime and make our citizens aware of how that is done. Combined with individual meet-

ings, workshops and filmstrip presentations, many of the goals of the Neighborhood Watch Program have been addressed.

I would also like to take this time to congratulate Mrs. Horn, who was presented with a gift of thanks for the hard work she does within the Watch Program.

Our community must continue to work to achieve a safer environment, not only on an individual basis, but as organized groups as well. This is the only way we can counteract the threat of crime in our city. □

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Romulus News Receives Commendation

The Romulus News has been presented with a resolution of commendation by the Romulus City Council for something that its staff works very hard at trying to accomplish — coverage of newsworthy events in our town — and for the center pull-out section on the Michigan Week Festival, which appeared in the June 1, 1988 issue of "the little paper."

Ellis Pennington made the motion and it was seconded by Randy Gear; it passed the Council unanimously. The commendation was then presented, on June 15, by Councilman Pennington to Dave Atkins, Editor of *The Romulus News*, at the newspaper's office, located on Goddard Road.

The Romulus News has always tried to make every effort to publish only factual information in every article that is written. And, since the publication

of "the little paper" began (one year ago this issue), every attempt also has been made to print nothing but news that is either about Romulus or will benefit Romulus residents.

We at the Paper only wish that enough money was available to us that we could publish every week, since there is enough news in Romulus to warrant a weekly newspaper. The cost of doing so, however, is more than we presently can afford. If we could get the contract for the City legal notices, that would amount to almost enough to pay for the increased cost of weekly publication, but there is, unfortunately, a 'vicious circle' here — a free newspaper like ours must be published weekly for two years to be eligible for such a contract!

We at *The Romulus News* wish to thank the City Council, Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk for their kind generosity regarding this commendation. Everyone certainly can count on this publication to continue the type of reporting for which this commendation was given. □

Police Arrest 3 in Arson Case

by D. A. Atkins

Fire swept through the home of Shirley Skiver, located on Lisa Drive in Romulus, at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 25. Extensive damage to the inside of the house was reported, and at least one family pet (a dog) perished in the flames. There were no other injuries, since Mrs. Skiver and her daughter Christine were not at home at the time of the fire.

Romulus police officers made three arrests at the scene of the fire, and all three suspects were arraigned Sunday, June 26, on two charges (both felonies): arson of an occupied building (which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years) and breaking and entering with intent to commit arson (which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years).

The examination of the three suspects — 18-year-old Ronald Maracle of Ortonville, MI (released on a \$5,000 bond), 17-year-old Richard Rhoden of Romulus (released on a \$2,500 bond), and 18-year-old Guadalupe Romo of Taylor (released on a \$10,000 bond) — will be held July 6, 1988, at 9 a.m. in the 34th District Court in Romulus.

It took the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department only three to four minutes to respond to the call, and that quick response is the only thing that kept the house from burning to the ground. Some residents, who were not identified, grabbed garden hoses and tried to extinguish the flames while waiting for the Fire Department.

It is unknown at this writing whether or not the house can be repaired well enough to make it inhabitable again, even though it did not burn to the ground. □



Councilman Ellis Pennington presents the Resolution of Commendation to Dave Atkins, Editor of *The Romulus News*. The Commendation reads:

WHEREAS: *The Romulus News* has provided the City of Romulus with various news articles; and

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Wheel to Get Oiled

by D. A. Atkins

There has been some controversy over 'The Wheel' gas station, located at the corner of Merriman and Ecorse roads. A lady who lives across the street has contacted a Councilman or two and raised Cain about the dust problem caused by trucks pulling into the parking lot there. Also there (allegedly), at one time, were several hundred tires lying around, and bags of garbage that were dumped there by an unknown person or persons.

The complaint was first brought to the attention of City Councilman Ellis Pennington, and he pursued the problem and got the owner to clean up the tires and garbage in the parking lot, and to oil the ribbons going into and out of 'The Wheel.'

Apparently, however, the resident is not satisfied with what was done by the owner, based on the recommendations of Pennington and the Ordinance Officers, for she has now contacted Councilman Raspberry, also. What is not known by some of the residents is that this property is not owned by the City, nor are the roads surrounding the property. The County owns those roads, and at least part of the problem stems from an unfinished job done by the County. When work that was begun

on the shoulders of the road was not finished, some of the truckers made new entrances into the parking lot in places that were not designated as entrances.

So, for 'The Wheel' to solve the problem, the County first must finish the work it has begun; then the owner can do something to the lot that may last for awhile. It is cost-prohibitive, according to 'Wheel' Manager Bob Mach, to pave the lot, and to put down blacktop would serve no purpose at all — the trucks would ruin it in a matter of weeks.

Mr. Mach did say, however, that he would re-oil the complete lot, the shoulder of the road, and the shoulder of the road where the resident lives if it would solve the problem. Councilman Pennington feels that such a drastic measure is not necessary, though he thinks that oiling the complete lot would be beneficial to all concerned parties.

I took pictures of the lot and the work that has been done (shown here), and it looks to me like more than enough has been done by the owners. It would seem that, if the County took care of its responsibility, a great deal of the problem would be taken care of. □

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There are a few Congressmen who are presently trying to get some of the

housing plans reinstituted or additional time added to the plans still in existence. Just how much luck they will have remains to be seen.

It would seem, with so many people in government offices getting older by the day, that they would be the first to say, "Hey, let's watch out for the seniors and the disabled; we soon will be one of their numbers." Is it the younger heads of government that are committing this appalling, frightful wrong against our seniors? Is it those in high positions, who are getting so much in the line of money and benefits that they figure they will be set for life, who are letting the building trades dictate to them?

McAnally and Kosteva feel that all of us, especially the senior citizens and

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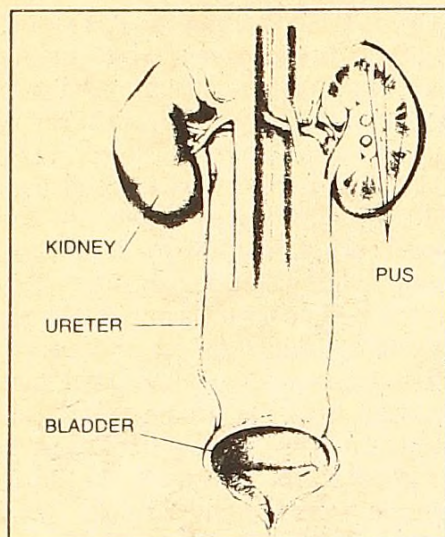
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Urinary Tract Infections

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Cross section of kidney showing the pockets of pus characteristic of a kidney infection and a view of the bladder interior showing an inflammation characteristic of cystitis.

Common Characteristics

Infections of various types are among the most common disorders affecting the urinary tract, with the kidney, bladder and prostate being the most frequent sites. Although the onset of a urinary tract infection may be without symptoms, more typically, the problem is marked by one or more of the following: fever, back or groin pain, and painful, frequent or bloody urination. In most cases, diagnosis is easily established by a microscopic examination of the urine and by identification of the causative microorganism.

Cystitis

Cystitis, the common term for an infection or inflammation of the urinary bladder, can occur at any age and in either sex, but strikes women more frequently than men and adults more frequently than children. Ten to twenty percent of women will have at least

one urinary tract infection during their lives. The most common source of infection is a bacterium called *Escherichia coli*, although other bacteria as well as viruses and fungi may be involved. *Escherichia coli* normally resides in the colon, but it can migrate to, and multiply in, the urinary tract. Gonorrhea also may manifest itself as a urinary tract infection. Still another common bladder infection in women is the so-called honeymoon cystitis, which most often occurs among sexually inexperienced women who are just beginning to have sexual intercourse. In most women, the problem clears up with time, but there are others who frequently experience cystitis following sex.

In men and children, the leading causes of cystitis are obstructions or structural defects in the urinary tract. A common example among men over 50 is an enlarged prostate gland, which impedes the outflow of urine. The urine collects in the bladder and promotes bacterial growth, which in turn leads to infection. If the onset of cystitis is gradual, the first symptom is usually an increase in the urge to urinate during the night. The patient may find himself getting up three or four times a night, and this frequent urge may persist during the day. In the case of acute onset, there is often a painful, burning sensation during urination and, not infrequently, the urine contains blood and is foul smelling. A fever and general malaise, or unwell feeling, may be present, also. The urethra, the tube that carries urine from the bladder to the outside, also may be infected, a condition known as urethritis.

Diagnosis

Urinary infection is usually diagnosed by examining a urine sample under a microscope and observing the presence of bacteria in it. Blood in the urine, a symptom that often accompanies urinary tract infections, is not in itself proof of infection, since other conditions, such as tumors and injuries, may cause blood in the urine. Long-distance runners, for example,

may temporarily pass bloody urine following a long race — a condition that usually clears up in a few days. In any instance, blood in the urine always should be investigated by a doctor to rule out a serious cause.

Treatment

Generally, seven to 10 days of antibiotic therapy bring cystitis under control. During this time, your physician will probably advise you to drink plenty of water and to avoid alcoholic beverages. If an obstruction is causing cystitis, it will also have to be treated, usually surgically, but normally after the infectious phase of cystitis has cleared up.

Although cystitis usually is not a serious disorder, if it is not treated promptly, it may lead to a chronic, smoldering infection that can persist with periodic flare-ups for months or even years. Despite treatment, recurrences are frequent and are usually caused by the reentry of the bacteria into the urinary tract from the exterior, usually through intercourse. Many patients with recurrences harbor bacteria near the urethra; if you have a tendency to reinfection, your doctor may prescribe an antibiotic to prevent infection and subsequent damage to the urinary tract.

Pyelonephritis

Pyelonephritis is an infection that may be caused by bacteria carried to the kidney from another body infection; it involves both the kidney pelvis and the nephron, the part of the kidney that filters wastes from the blood. Obstructions and structural defects may also contribute to these problems. Pyelonephritis is far more common among women than men, and is a frequent complication of pregnancy, labor, and delivery.

Initial symptoms, such as difficult urination, foul-smelling or bloody urine, general malaise, headache, and other signs of infection, may be similar to those of cystitis. Pyelonephritis is often also accompanied by a characteristic pain that begins as a dull ache in the small of the back that grows pro-

gressively worse as the inflammation and swelling increase. The pain is steady and may radiate to the groin and lower abdomen. Spiking fever, chills and generalized weakness may occur as the condition worsens.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Diagnosis should include careful identification of the causative bacteria. This is done by examining an uncontaminated urine specimen. In some rare instances, the infection may be caused by tubercle bacillus ('TB'), which leads to a serious condition known as tuberculous pyelonephritis. Once the bacterium has been identified, the proper antibiotics can be prescribed to eliminate it. These kidney infections require prompt treatment; if either condition becomes chronic, permanent kidney damage — or, in extreme cases, kidney destruction — may result.

If a structural problem or obstruction, such as kidney stones, is involved, it should be treated to prevent recurrence. This may involve surgery or other appropriate treatment. In the case of tuberculous pyelonephritis, drugs that are used to treat pulmonary tuberculosis may be administered. If the kidney is severely and irreparably damaged, surgical removal is rarely necessary to prevent spread of the infection to the remaining kidney.

Summing Up

Urinary tract infections, particularly those involving the bladder and urethra, are common, highly treatable disorders. They do not pose a serious threat to the kidneys and other urinary tract organs when diagnosed and treated in the early stage. However, chronic infections may result in permanent damage and difficulties in treatment. When obstruction or structural abnormalities are contributing factors, they require treatment to prevent recurrence. □

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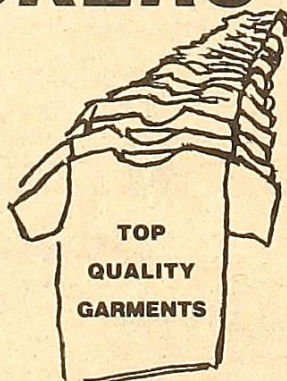
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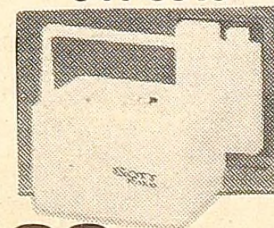
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To answer the first question — never! I made four promises to you readers one year ago: first, that I would not charge for the paper; second, that I would write only about things pertaining to Romulus; third, that I would always report factual material as accurately as possible; and, fourth, that absolutely no one would run this paper except for myself, and I have definitely accomplished that!

The answer to the second question is simply that we cannot afford to publish our paper every week, even though we would like to. Who knows, though — maybe someday we can find a way around the financial difficulties that currently prevent it!

There have been some bad times to contend with, along with the good, but that is to be expected. We don't mind those bad times, as long as the good ones continue to come with them. I have to say that we have had some very loyal advertisers and some super supporters of our paper — you, the readers.

I suppose the biggest thing that we are all the most proud of is the story on little Dana Wasserman. I won't go into detail about that one; I still have a hard time handling it.

We're also proud of our coverage of the 1988 Romulus Michigan Week Festival. I don't think I can describe the warm feeling that passed through my body when we were awarded a resolution of commendation from the City Council for it.

Then there is the case of the Secretary of State's office that was due to be moved in February but, thanks to your great response to the plea we made to you, it looks like it will remain open, after all. And there was also the problem with the illegal dumping at Wick and Shook roads that was taken care of after an article was published in our paper.

Remember the story, which appeared in our very first issue, about the man who finally got together with his children after many years of separation? That was a heart-warming story that had a happy ending.

And there have been articles on murders, suicides, rapes, new police cadets, police officers who actually live in Romulus, drains being cleaned, houses being torn down, academic and athletic achievement by Romulus children, and much more. The list goes on and on, and will continue to do so in the future.

Maybe the hardest of all has been writing the articles that have been controversial or unpleasant in some way, but had to be written, just the same, in order to serve the interests of the people in Romulus.

But I have not done all of this on my own; that simply would not be possible. It has taken many endless hours of work, dedication, and support from my lovely wife; my daughter, who typesets most of the text; my son, who sometimes helps with distribution; my mother-in-law, who writes the stories on the seniors and keeps up with their activities; my mother, who often works in the front office; and Debby Smith,

who does most of our keylining and helps me a great deal in the layout of the paper.

Some of the most important people are those who write for the paper on a regular basis, but never charge us a penny — people like Jack Barden, Fred Coleman, Debbie Dick, Dan Elwart, Randy Gear (who also contributes some great cartoons!), Jim Kosteva, and Mayor McAnally, who has been helpful more times than I can count in making sure that I 'get the story straight' before I publish many of my articles. (And, believe me, she gets pretty upset with me over some of the articles that I write!) City Council members also have, for the most part, been supportive of this paper, and, again, the list just continues on.

The great thing about the entire production of this paper, and it's important to keep it in mind if you want to appreciate what a labor of love and community service it is for so many of the contributors, is that only three people who work on it get paid — and not very much, at that. In fact, it's probably not really enough to make it worthwhile, if you look at it from just the financial standpoint. Most of the help we get is from the people who really love "the little paper," and "the little paper" really loves them for it.

Without my wife, though, this paper would never have become a reality. She always tries to give me the credit for everything, and never takes any for herself. She has given up many things, including any hope of an honest-to-goodness, bona fide vacation but, most of all, she has not given up on me or

the paper, and she never complains. God knows I love that woman.

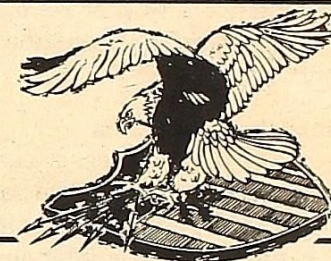
Yes, we have been here for one year — good, bad, and indifferent. I hope we can serve you for many more years to come. □

DOWNTOWN CLEAN-UP

reason, the present DDA members think it is the responsibility of the City's administrators to take care of all of their problems. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is the committee's responsibility to figure new ways to create financing to get needed improvements accomplished. The DDA is not doing that, and it is a shame.

The members of the DDA, both past and present, know who they are and whether or not they have made an effort to improve the Downtown Area. They are the people who have businesses Downtown, and they are the people who are responsible for the Downtown standstill. It will be up to them to decide whether this becomes a booming city or a ghost town. It rests on their shoulders, not those of anyone else.

Thanks, kids. Maybe the Downtown Area can last long enough for you to grow up and make something of it. □



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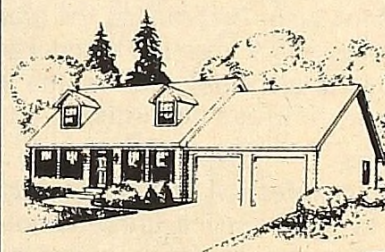
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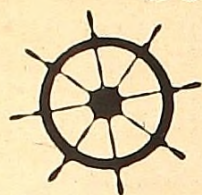
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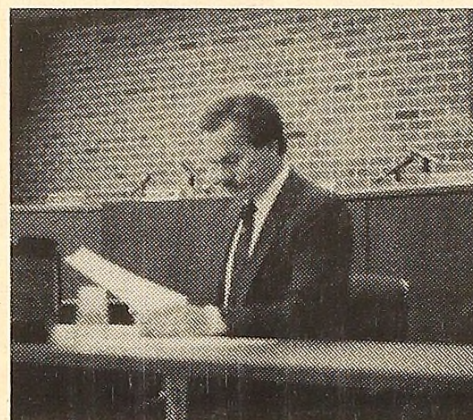
SENIORS

the underprivileged, should be made aware of these problems now confronting us so that we can band together and try to get something done.

Kosteva remarked that no senior citizen or anyone else needing housing would go without it. That is all well and good; he means well and, knowing Jim Kosteva the way I do, he will make every possible effort to see that no one is ever without a proper place to live.

There is only one problem: Kosteva is only one man, McAnally is only one woman, and there is only so much that they can accomplish as individuals. We all need to cooperate. If you, the seniors and underprivileged, do not band together, then no one is going to be able to help you, regardless of how hard they try.

Write to your Congressmen, Senators, and even the President; let them all know how appalled you are at what the government is trying to do to its elderly. Do it today. □



Representative Kosteva at City Hall, telling the seniors about their possible housing options in the future.

Finding Lost Kin

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin

It's a haunting thought. Imagine what it would be like to be an adopted person searching for your birth mother, but you cannot find her because of bureaucratic road blocks. Imagine further that you finally learn that your birth-parent has also been searching for you but died before you located each other.

Unfortunately for hundreds of thousands of people, this scenario is all too real. According to the Library of Congress, two million of this nation's five million adopted persons are ac-

tively involved in a search for the identity of their birth parents. Similarly, a significant number of birth parents are trying to locate children they have given up for adoption.

The task of locating these lost relatives is almost always difficult and often impossible. Adoption records are sealed to protect the privacy of all parties to an adoption.

But the present system also prevents parent-child and sibling reunions when both parties are looking for each other. Take the case of the Michigan birth-mother who had to spend six years and \$3,000 to locate a daughter who had also been looking for her.

Some adoptees are looking for their birth-parents because they want to know more about their origins. Others are searching for blood relatives who might be willing to provide organs for a life-saving transplant.

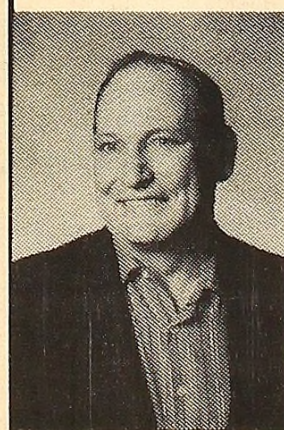
For these reasons, I, along with Senator Dole and 38 co-sponsors, have introduced legislation that would help adult adoptees, biological parents, and separated siblings to locate each other through a computerized registry operated by the Department of Health and Human Services. The registry would be entirely voluntary and both the adult adoptee and the birth parent would have to choose to put their names in it if contact is to be made. Adoption records would still remain closed.

This bill has gained some significant support, including that of Michael Reagan, the President's adopted son, who himself spent time trying to locate his birth-mother, and, in the process, located a brother he didn't know he had.

Michael Reagan wrote me that he "recently had the great privilege of meeting my birth brother and learning about the lifetime of love and caring by my deceased birth mother. You should also know that my adoptive father, Ronald Reagan, supported my desire for a reunion with my birth mother and helped me in my earlier efforts. When my father helped me, it was the greatest gift he ever gave me. I believe wholeheartedly in your bill establishing a registry. . . . I would have used one myself and, it is now apparent, that my birth mother would have also."

This legislation, if passed, would help reduce the anguish of adopted children and their birth parents when both are trying — presently with little hope of success — to find each other. □

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Councilman Ellis Pennington

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So What Happened to the \$1.1 Million?

by D. A. Atkins

Nothing! An article in last week's *Romulus Roman* stated "City Nets \$1.1 Million in Drains Lawsuit," and went on to say that "Romulus will receive at least part of \$166,447.77 in outstanding assessments from the Wayne County Drain Commission and the County of Wayne."

I called Jim Murray, County Drain Commissioner and Director of Public Works, and he explained to me that the money that was won from the lawsuit will be held by the County for future assessments. Not only will the City not see one dime in cash money from this settlement, neither will any of its citizens.

According to Bob Stieber, Assistant to the Commissioner, "Charlie Youngblood (an ex-Commissioner) illegally authorized work on these Chapter 8 drains without going through proper channels. There is no money being returned, but these charges will be handled by the General Fund and will not be assessed out. The drains in question will receive credit by the General Fund."

John Lewkowicz entered into this lawsuit as a private citizen, while he was Treasurer, after the City Council refused to do so because its members felt the case could be won without the help of an attorney; Mr. Stieber indicated that he felt much the same way.

When I asked how much the attorney, Harry S. Ellman, was to receive from the settlement, Mr. Stieber indicated that Mr. Ellman's fee would be in the vicinity of \$50,000. When I asked how this fee was to be paid, he answered that the money would come from the General Fund. McAnally, however, was led to believe that Mr. Ellman would receive one-third of the settlement, which would be well over

\$300,000. What he has, in fact, collected has not been made available to me at this time.

According to City Councilman Pete Bergeron, in a conversation he had with Milton Mack, Wayne County Commissioner for the 11th District, Mr. Mack indicated to him that the City should not get involved in hiring an attorney; there would be no need for it, since it was almost a foregone conclusion that the money would be awarded anyway.

I wonder who did, in fact, hire Mr. Ellman. How much money did he actually receive from the settlement?

There is also reason to wonder why the County is holding the money for future assessments, instead of giving it to the cities so that maybe their own Department of Public Works (DPW) agencies could go ahead with some of the work that needs to be done on the drains. Probably the only good thing about the drought conditions that we are enduring this summer is that the drains, which are in terrible shape and not working very well, have not been put under the strain of handling a lot of rainwater.

Here's something else that was brought up: if Mr. Lewkowicz got involved in the suit as a private citizen, does he collect cash from the settlement, and does part of the attorney's fee come from his pocket?

Also, if the County is holding the money for future assessments, does the interest on the money it collected go into the fund along with the original amount, or does the County receive that, gratis?

These are just some of the questions that are being asked throughout the City.

And, once again, it is the citizens who are the losers in this fabulous

game of politics and 'who hides the money where.'

Here is the way the settlement actually went, on a per-drain basis (you must remember that no one, neither the City nor its residents, will receive any cash money from this settlement; only credit toward your next drain assessment will be received): Ecorse Creek North Branch, \$1,806.14; Edmonds Creek, \$23,672.03; Freeman Drain, \$1,339.56; Sexton Kilford Drain, \$9,775.24; and Shook Drain, \$8,306.69. That gives a sub-total of \$44,899.66 which, when added to the additional \$4,953.33 that was awarded for smaller drains throughout the City that had been illegally assessed, comes to a grand total of \$49,852.99.

Now if the attorney, Mr. Ellman, did,

in fact, receive \$50,000 for his fee, then that means he received \$147.01 more than the City and its residents. Doesn't quite seem fair, does it? On the other hand, if he received one-third of the gross settlement, which is what most attorneys usually charge when a lawsuit involves a large sum of money, he would have received over \$300,000.

Who, in fact, paid the attorney's fee, whether it was \$50,000 or \$300,000? There are questions that need to be answered.

Milton Mack was unavailable for comment because of meetings he is attending in Lansing on the Peoples Community Hospital Authority (PCHA). Mr. Mack, according to McAnally and Bergeron, has been instrumental in getting this award. □

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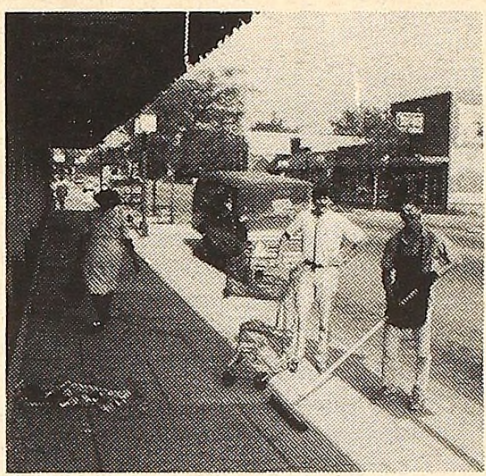
Letters to the Editor

Almost two years ago, I contacted Officer Smagner in regards to how to begin a Neighborhood Watch Program. I am so pleased with the way the neighbors have participated. We have our annual potluck at Cypress Park every summer. With great response from the neighborhood, it has turned out to be a big success. I wish to thank Officer Smagner, Officer Ellis and Officer Allen, and also Councilmen Randolph Gear and Jimmie Raspberry for presenting themselves. I also wish to thank the whole neighborhood for their cooperation. I couldn't have done it without your support, and with God's, in all my plans.

He makes things seem so much easier to do. Without him, I could do nothing. Again, thanks, Mrs. M. Maxwell

Dr. Mr. Atkins;
In regards to your recent article on the clean up of Manufacturers Bank property at Shook and the railroad tracks in Romulus, I can't help but wonder why the owners don't do something more logical with the money, "multiple thousands", that they are spending on clean up. It seems to me that the most sensible thing to do with the money that has already been spent and will undoubtedly continue to be spent, fencing the property would more than likely save the owners "multiple thousands", not to mention solve the problem. I can't believe that this alternative has never occurred to them. If I were dumping garbage there, I would be a little less energetic about doing so if I had to go over a six foot fence to do so. Sometimes I guess you can't see the trees for the forest.
Just A Suggestion!!!
Marilyn Nelson, Romulus

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by D. A. Atkins

At the June 27 meeting of the City Council, Fire Chief William Greenslait asked for and received a resolution banning all fireworks, including sparklers, throughout the City of Romulus. According to Greenslait, there have already been two fires in fields this year, with a total property damage of over 800 acres, and he feels that most (if not all) of the damage was done by some sort of fireworks. He said that, due to the very hot weather and drought conditions that exist, it would take very little to start a major fire.

The City Council had no problem with giving the Fire Chief the resolution he wanted.

Greenslait went on to say that every year, at the Fourth-of-July fireworks display at the park, there are many people with fireworks — and not all of them firecrackers — that can do great bodily harm. This year, if you bring any

fireworks to the park, you will be asked to either give them up or leave. If, after a warning, you continue to set off fireworks (including sparklers), you probably will be ticketed or arrested.

The ban on fireworks includes a ban on their use on both public and private property. In other words, you may not use fireworks in your yard or anywhere on your property.

There are always stories of people getting maimed, and sometimes killed, by what would seem to be harmless fireworks — sparklers, firecrackers, M-80s, and bottle rockets.

The ban on fireworks is legally on, and it is a ban against *all* fireworks — of any kind, shape, form, or fashion. If you are caught with them, you can be ticketed, or even taken to jail. You have been warned; please don't wind up doing something that you or your children may be sorry for. □

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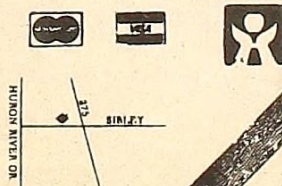


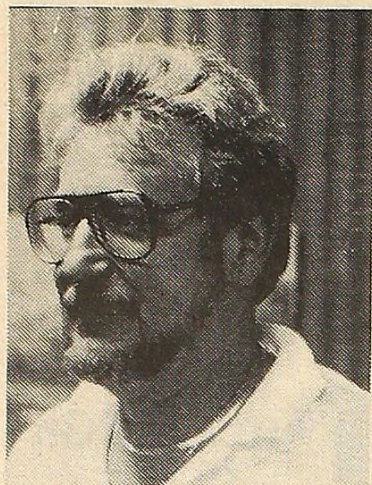
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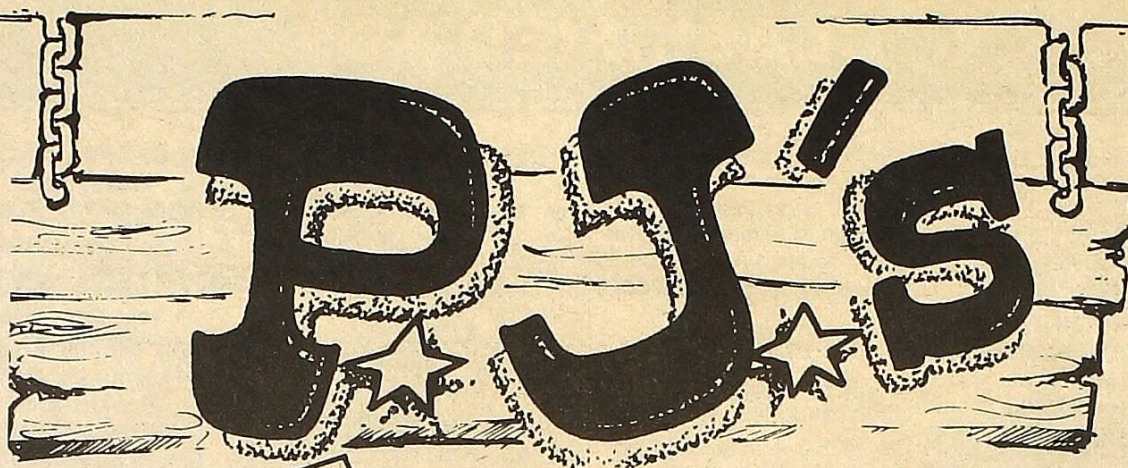
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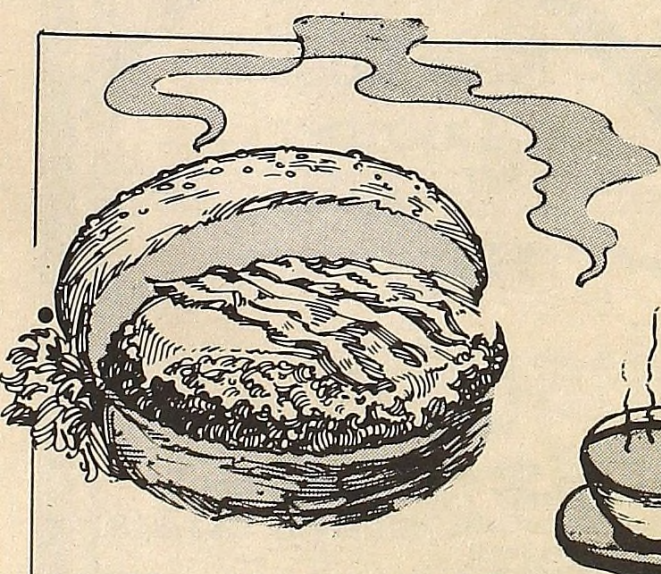
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